

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below beneath my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or original, first, and joint inventors (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING A JPEG IMAGE USING  
REGIONALLY VARIABLE COMPRESSION LEVELS**

the specification of which (*check one*):

(X) is attached hereto.

() was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (*if applicable*).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 United States Code § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

**Priority Claimed**

(number)	(country)	(day/month/year filed)	yes	no
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following as my attorneys and/or agents, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith:

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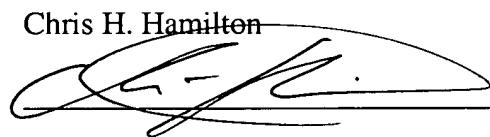
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